

DIARY NOTES

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1. Talked to Mr. Meloon about Dr. [REDACTED] and requested that the Military Personnel Division make another attempt to secure Air Force approval of Dr. [REDACTED] entering school in New York on 1 July, even though detailed to CIA in a military capacity. Also advised Dr. Tietjen of this who requested that I speak to Mr. Reynolds in order to insure that the best effort was made to resolve this case.

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2. I asked Jim Garrison to verify my understanding that there would be no problem in getting the Public Buildings Service to install air conditioning equipment in the South Building with vouchered funds.

3. Jim Garrison reports that his Office has a Communications contract under consideration with the firm of [REDACTED] which might cause some repercussions. The contract apparently is for \$300,000 and the company involved is none other than that which recently pulled away from [REDACTED] along with the personnel that our Office of Communications has confidence in. Jim will talk to [REDACTED] about the matter but we will have to insure that we do not get a complaint in connection with this transaction which might have serious political repercussions.

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4. At the Director's request I arranged with George Meloon to have [REDACTED] debriefed, his resignation accepted, and a consultant contract written tomorrow.

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5. I telephoned [REDACTED] to tell him I had understood that [REDACTED] was attempting to write a history of Project [REDACTED]. Ernie had understood that [REDACTED] was only preparing certain administrative aspects of this history. I cautioned him that [REDACTED] should confine himself to such a role and not attempt to write the whole history, inasmuch as the IO Division was far better prepared to do this than was anyone in the administrative area.

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6. I agreed that the Inspector General might undertake an inspection of the Security Office beginning on Monday but suggested that it be coordinated with the Management study which [REDACTED] is going to undertake so that the Security Office undergoes the least amount of inconvenience.

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7. Talked to [REDACTED] about an Administrative Officer for [REDACTED] and told him that he would be furnished with a list of some ten or twelve people in the DD/P area who were qualified for this position but who had, so far, declined to accept it. I asked Ted to talk to these people and I agreed to talk to those who were not in the DD/P area.

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25X1A6a 8. Dr. Tietjen brought over Dr. [REDACTED] who has just returned from [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] Dr. [REDACTED] also thinks, as does Dr. [REDACTED] that the morale on [REDACTED] 25X1A6a
[REDACTED] is low and that the uncertainty of the transfer of certain elements of [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
that operation to the Department of Defense is a very substantial contributing factor.

25X1A9a 9. Colonel [REDACTED] telephoned to recommend an ex-Major [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
25X1A9a [REDACTED] for employment. I sent Colonel [REDACTED] the necessary forms for [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
to fill out. 25X1A9a

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about 23 May to about 14 June to go to Cuba.

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[REDACTED] and also created many administrative head-
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initiative in correcting these situations. He requested that I not do anything
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12. I reviewed a memorandum to the Director signed by the Deputy Director (Plans), the Deputy Director (Intelligence), and the Assistant Director for Communications which, if approved, will authorize the creation of a permanent ELINT Staff (Electronics Intelligence Staff) in the Office of Scientific Intelligence and the establishment of an activity in the Office of Communications responsible for technical support of CIA ELINT field operations, to engage in such ELINT field operations as may be appropriate, and to conduct such research and development as may be requested to execute these responsibilities. In the Office of Scientific Intelligence the present Physics and Electronics Division will expand the ELINT Branch from one to four sections: (1) Plans and Policy, (2) Technical Activities and Support, (3) Liaison and Field Support, and (4) Evaluation and Analysis. This will require fourteen positions (ten professional and four clerical) four of which would come from the present table of organization; ten would be an increase over the present ceiling. In addition, 850 square feet of space is needed and has already been figured in the proposed move of OSI to Barton Hall. No information with reference to Communications' reorganization, table of organization, ceiling, etc., is included. The paper does not request the Director's approval of the administrative support requirements which will be submitted in detail at a later date. I have informed Messrs. Saunders and [REDACTED] of this in an informal "eyes only" memorandum. 25X1A9a

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